Alabama Baptist Historical Society

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Tuskegee Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, PLEASANT GROVE, ALA.

October 15th and 16th, 1895.

OFFICERS:

Eld. G. A. HORNADY	Moderator	Tuskegee, Ala.
Eld. C. W. BUCK	Clerk	Salem, Ala.
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"	F. T. HUDSON	Auburn, Ala.
"	Z. D. ROBY	Opelika, Ala.
"	J. H. WALLACE	Cusseta, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. E. Hudmon, G. A. Hornady, J. M. Love,
E. F. Haynie, John J. Cloud, J. C. Condon.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening services.
2. Read the Letters from the Churches and enroll Delegates.
3. Invite Ministers of our Order to seats with us.
4. Organize by electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for petitionary Letters
6. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Documents and State of Religion, Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Temperance, Deceased Ministers, State Missions and Colportage, and Orphans' Home.
8. Appoint Correspondents to Sister Associations.
9. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
10. Hear Report of Executive Committee
11. Hear Report of any other Committee appointed last Session.
12. Elect the Executive Committee.
13. Hear reports from the several Committees appointed this Session.
14. Hear Treasurer's Report.
15. Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
16. Arrange for Printing Minutes and Distribution.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Closing Exercises.

☞Next Session convenes with the Union Grove Church, 4 miles northwest of Salem, Tuesday before the third Sunday in October, 1896.

MINUTES.

Near Salem, Ala., Oct. 15, 1895.

The Fiftieth Annual Session of the Tuskegee Association convened with the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, eight miles from Salem, Tuesday October 15, 1895.

Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator, and participated in by many brethren.

Rev. Jno. J. Cloud, the appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon, having failed to reach the church in time for the opening services, Rev. J. W. Stewart was requested to fill the hour, and preached a very interesting discourse from Romans xiv. 7: "For no man liveth to himself." Prayer by F. T. Hudson.

After a bountiful dinner, furnished at the church, the Association was called to order by the Moderator at 2 o'clock P. M. Rev. H. R. Schram led in prayer.

Brethren J. C. Condon and F. T. Hudson collected the letters from the delegates present, and Brethren W. E. Hudmon and A. H. Rutherford were appointed to read them. The delegates present were enrolled as follows:

Auburn—Rev. Jno. J. Cloud.

Concord (*Lee County*)—J. D. Green, H. Pitts.

Concord (*Macon County*—Letter; no delegates.

County Line—W. R. Adams, T. C. Adams.

Cubahatchee—Letter; no delegates.

Elam (*Lee County*)—Not represented.

Liberty—E. A. Christian.

LaPlace—E. M. Swearengen.

Loachapoka—J. L. Wise.

Notasulga—A. M. Cameron.

Opelika—Rev. Z. D. Roby, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, J. C. Condon, Ed. Brewer, W. E. Hudmon, W. E. Smith.

Pleasant Grove—B. F. Stribling, G. W. Meadors, D. P. Meadors, R. Lawson, H. Foster.

Pleasant Hill—A. J. Jackson, W. J. Yarbrough.

Providence—Not represented.

Rocky Mount—Lea Howard, James Sims.

The Christian that does not practice secret prayer, does not exist. If he ever lived, his soul starved to death. There cannot be spiritual life without prayer.

Salem (Lee County)—Rev. C. W. Buck, J. M. Love, M. D., T. E. Stringer, E. W. Solomons.

Salem (Macon County)—L. W. Wilkerson, W. B. Lowe.

Shiloh—W. E. Jackson, S. C. Williams, T. J. Wade.

Society Hill—A. H. Rutherford.

Tuskegee—Rev. G. A. Hornady.

Union Grove—S. H. Jarrell.

Elam (Tallapoosa County)—Rev. W. G Gregory, M. E. Parker.

The delegates present being enrolled, the Association proceeded to perfect its organization by electing its officers, resulting in the re-election, by acclamation, of the same officers: Moderator, Rev. G. A. Hornady; Clerk, Rev. C. W. Buck; Treasurer, Ed Brewer.

A petitionary letter was presented by Elam Church, Tallapoosa county, by its delegates, Rev. W. G. Gregory and M. E. Parker. After examination as to doctrine, etc., the delegates were given the hand of fellowship by the Moderator and the church enrolled. (See list of churches.)

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us, and to partake in the interests of the meeting.

Correspondence being called for, the following brethren responded, representing their Associations, etc.:

East Liberty Association—Rev. C. J. Burden, Rev. J. R. Stodghill.

Harris Association—Capt. Leslie, Rev. H. R. Schram, G. W. Huguley, L. F. Mullen.

Central Association—Rev. W. R. Whatley.

Orphans' Home—Rev. J. W. Stewart.

Dr. Buck was requested to make the report on deceased ministers and Dr. D. W. Floyd.

Representatives were appointed to attend the following bodies:

State Convention—Rev. C. W. Buck, Rev. Z. D. Roby, Rev. G. A. Hornady, Rev. G. S. Anderson, Rev. G. E. Brewer.

Harris Association (to meet at Phenix City, September, 1896,)—E. W. Solomons, F. T. Hudson, C. W. Buck, G. S. Anderson.

East Liberty Association (to meet at Milltown, October 6, 1896,)—Z. D. Roby, J. M. Love, J. L. Wise, F. T. Hudson, G. E. Brewer.

The Executive Committee made report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT.

Your Executive Committee beg leave to submit as follows: At a meeting on March 30, 1895, we agreed to supplement the salary of Dr. J.

The Christian that does not believe in foreign missions, does not believe in the great Commission. Repeat it and see.

R. Stodghill, as pastor at Liberty and Union Grove Churches, forty dollars at each church.

We learn from the Treasurer, Bro. E. Brewer, that the balance due per Executive Committee, referred at the last session of the Association, has all been paid, except $2.50 to Bro. J. H. Wallace, and $46.79 to Bro. F. T. Hudson.

We recommend that all funds sent up by the churches to this body for Associational purposes, and all undesignated funds, be applied to the payment of the above, or as much as may be necessary to settle the same in full. Respectfully submitted, W. E. Hudmon.

By request of Dr. Z. D. Roby, the appointee to preach the Missionary Sermon, the Association desired Rev. C. J. Burden, of East Liberty Association, to fill the appointment at 11 A. M.

On motion, adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Cloud.

Tuesday, 7 o'clock P. M.—Dr. G. S. Anderson preached a very impressive sermon, much enjoyed by all present.

After the sermon, business of the Association was resumed by the reading of the Orphans' Home

REPORT:

This God-given institution is located at the city of Evergreen, about 30 miles south of Montgomery, in a most delightful climate, where it is never too hot in summer nor too cold in winter. Its first opening was in March, 1893, with three inmates. Gradually this number has increased until forty-eight have been received, and we have now in the house thirty-five, thirteen having found homes where they are well cared for.

God has greatly blessed us in this work, and has brought it very near to the hearts of our people. We learn that the wants at "The Home" are very pressing just at this time.

The last payment on the purchase money will be due on the 1st day of January next, and to make this payment we will need, and must have, $2,500. Besides this amount, the supporting expenses of the Home are to be met.

The Home is progressing as satisfactorily as we could expect in these times of financial pressure. We are very anxious to have the Home well understood by our churches, and hope they will exert themselves to their utmost in sustaining it. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Cloud, Chairman.

After an earnest discussion of the Home, its prospects and

There is not a book in the New Testament that does not teach missions, home and foreign, and no man or woman can be *a follower of Jesus*, Paul, or the other apostles, without teaching and practicing mission work and support.

present condition and needs, by Brethren Stewart, Schram, Anderson, Love, Hornady and Roby, the report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow.

Benediction by Bro. Burden.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16, 8:30 A. M.

After opening service, conducted by Bro. W. G. Gregory, the Committee on Documents and State of Religion reported.

REPORT.

We notice from the letters sent up by the churches, that very few of them have anything to say relative to their spiritual condition. Yet, we gather from intercourse with the delegates, that there seems to be a more general interest manifested in general church work, and from the effects of the fifth Sunday meetings held in the bounds of the Association, the brethren have been drawn closer to each other, and we believe the state of religion is better than has been for several years.

Three of the churches—Cubahatchee, Union Grove and Liberty—ask for the next session of the Association to meet with them. We recommend that the next session be held with Union Grove Church.

Respectfully submitted. W. E. HUDMON.

After some discussion, the report was adopted, and the Association accepted the invitation of Union Grove Church to meet with that church October 13th, 1896, and to hold its session three days—Tuesday, 13; Wednesday, 14; and Thursday, 15.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The word temperance does not fully convey the correct idea. We should teach and practice that a moderate indulgence of the appetite in that which is neither proper food, drink, clothing or wisdom, is wrong, and without the sanction of truth. Therefore, total abstinence is the wise and safe position and practice for lovers of sobriety and virtue.

Fearful statistics, and the tales of woe and sin wrought, fail in reclaiming the inebriate. The power of the pulpit and the pen should be continually exerted in forming the sentiment and directing the habits of the young who are in the formative period. Here is the inviting and the successful field of labor, and he who enters the virgin soil is the victor.

Satan's greatest ally is the intoxicant drink which, being largely driven from the rural districts by closing the front doors, has stealthily

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invaded the country, from his entrenched cities, by his remorseless blind tigers.

We would recommend earnest, faithful preaching on this subject all through the bounds of the Association, for we believe that true Christian power and influence is the hope of overcoming this monster evil.

Respectfully submitted. F. T. HUDSON.

This subject was very generally discussed by Brethren Hudson, Burden, Whatley, Anderson, Brewer, Schram, Roby and others, and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees to prepare reports for the next session, with the request that if the members of the Committees cannot be present at the next session they will at least prepare the report and send it up:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Education—G. S. Anderson, J. L. Wise, E. M. Swearengen.

Missions (*Home and Foreign*)—W. G. Gregory, W. S. Adams, E. A. Christian.

Missions (*State and Colportage*)—J. J. Cloud, A. M. Cameron, Lea Howard.

Temperance—C. W. Buck, Jas. Sims, T. J. Wade.

Documents and State of Religion—J. C. Condon, T. C. Adams, W. E. Jackson.

Sunday Schools—A. H. Rutherford, W. E. Smith, A. J. Jackson.

Orphans' Home—Z. D. Roby, E. Brewer, W. J. Yarbrough.

The report on Sunday Schools was read, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are much gratified that interest and effort in this work is greatly increased, and is still increasing, throughout the whole country. So far as our own little Association is concerned, we find that three-fourths of the churches have Sunday schools in a healthy condition. Some of the others report schools for a part of the year, suspending through the winter months. We suggest:

1st. That the greatest weakness in our Sunday schools results from inefficient teachers. The remedy is to be found in having all the church members in the school, so that the best teaching ability may be available.

2nd. That our pastors might be more helpful to the work by talking on the importance of "Bible study" to the people, both privately and publicly, and whenever possible, teaching a class themselves in their respective churches.

3rd. That the superintendents each regard themselves as *the missionary* to the young of their respective local churches, and to get all the membership interested in the study of the Bible. E. BREWER, Ch'n.

The Christian that does not practice *sending the gospel*, does not believe what Jesus said of His second coming, and does not desire it.

After some remarks relative to this part of Christian work and duty, by Brethren Brewer, Whatley and Love, the report was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on State Missions and Colportage beg leave to report: We glean from the reports of our State Secretary, that throughout the State these fields of our mission work have suffered from the financial drought as much, if not more, than others, and in consequence, the work has been hard and the income small.

We are informed that the State Board has been compelled to neglect many points of promising interest for the want of means to take hold of the work. The State Board has only given aid to one point within the bounds of this Association, and the funds sent up by the churches for this work has been very meagre compared to the past. This does not mean a loss of interest in the mission work, but the direction of its funds in another channel.

The Association, under the supervision of its Executive Committee, has deemed it wise to cultivate the neglected places within her own territory and aid her own weak and helpless churches. This is, in fact, State mission and should be so considered, though not under the direction of the State Board.

The work of the Colporteur has not only been a hard one, but almost a fruitless one during the past year or more. Many who would otherwise give him a glad welcome, have been forced to deny him and themselves, because of the pressure of the times. There has been very little done in the colportage work within the bounds of the Association, except as has been done by the pastors.

We suggest that if each Association in the State would aid or sustain its weak and destitute churches, and cultivate the field within its own bounds, the State work would be done, or at least relieve the State Board of supplying many points that now are drawing upon her meagre resources, and could, perhaps, better look after the waste places.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. Love, Ch'n.

The report on Missions (Home and Foreign) was read:

HOME MISSIONS.

During the year, the Board had employed 425 missionaries, who had done 19,466 weeks of service. Their missionaries were distributed as follows: Alabama, 1; Arkansas, 40; Cuba, 4; District of Columbia, 5; Florida, 45; Georgia, 4; Indian Territory, 7; Kentucky, 15; Louisiana, 24; Maryland, 4; Missouri, 8; Mississippi, 21; North Carolina, 5; Tennessee, 40; Oklahoma, 13; Texas, 105; Virginia, 1; West Arkansas and

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Indian Territory, 50; West North Carolina, 11; and 2 in West Virginia. From this distribution of labor we get an idea of the vast extent of what we call our Home Mission work. When we remember that our Home Mission Board undertakes to give the gospel to all classes of our nation, white population; to the negroes living in every part of this wide field; To the German and French population in Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri and Louisiana; to the Mexicans in Texas; to the Indians in their Western home; and to the Cubans on their native island, we get some idea of the marvelous variety of work demanded of the Home Board.

Cash contribution during the year, $88,640.

Baptisms, 5,981 reported.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We make some statements in regard to our Foreign Mission work, based on the last annual report of our Foreign Mission Board, submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention last May.

Pagan fields in which Southern Baptists are doing work, are Japan, Africa and China.

CHINA.

We now have in China 16 male and 25 female missionaries, assisted by 7 unordained missionaries and 21 native helpers, making whole number of mission workers 62. We have 13 organized churches, with 1131 members. Their contributions for the year were $2,010.40. Baptised during the year, 118.

AFRICA.

In Africa we have 3 male and 4 female missionaries, 5 native and 1 unordained helper, making our working force 12. We have 4 organized churches, with 239 members. Their contributions during the year amounted to $214.45—a little less than one dollar each. Our missionaries baptized there, during the year, 67 persons.

JAPAN.

In Japan we have 3 male and 3 female (ordained) missionaries, 2 male and 2 female unordained, making our total mission force in that country 10. We have in Japan 1 church with forty members. Contributions $20, about 50 cents each. Baptisms last year 9. Our work in Japan was begun only 5 years ago.

Papal fields in which Southern Baptists are doing mission work, are Mexico, Brazil and Italy.

In Italy, we have 2 male and 1 female missionaries, 14 ordained and 14 unordained natives, making in all 31 workers. We have 18 churches with 355 members. Contributions last year $357, more than a dollar each. Baptisms last year 28.

BRAZIL.

In Brazil, we have 8 male and 6 female missionaries, and 2 unordained

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male missionaries, making a working force of 16. We have 14 churches with 610 members. Contributions last year $2,038.50, over $3 each. Baptisms during last year 133. Our first work was done in Brazil in 1882.

MEXICO.

We have in Mexico 12 male and 6 female missionaries; also 12 unordained females, 1 ordained male native, and 13 unordained natives, making 44 workers. We have 32 churches with 1,120 members. Their contributions amounted last year to $1,817.38. Baptisms last year 581. Our mission work in Mexico began in 1880.

We see here that the Southern Baptist Convention has employed in foreign fields, all told, 150 missionaries; that our missionaries have gathered and organized 85 churches, with an aggregate membership of 3,495. We find that our churches in foreign fields contributed last year $6,458.72 and that there were added to them during the year, 838 members.

FINANCE.

During the last Conventional year our Foreign Mission Board received from all sources $129,348.72. The necessary outlay of this Board is about $10,000 per month, or $120,000 per year.

On the pagan fields of Japan and China, the conditions environing the mission work have been materially changed within the last Associational year. The war between those two ancient heathen empires, locked for centuries against the light of the gospel, and the thrill of the world's progress, by the shock of war have been quickened; the one with a renewed uplift in the liberating inspiration of gospel light and life, while the other, awakened from its slumber of ages, stands rebuked before a sneering world. Japan is luminous with light and joy, while the leaven of truth penetrates to the core of heathen night in the wastes of China.

Our efforts on the papal fields of Italy, South America and Mexico, are gradually deepening the impress of truth upon the minds of those civilizations, riviting the chains of light upon the man of sin who, wounded and helpless, writhes in the shackles which bind him. The day dawneth, and the wakening up of nations hasteneth the consummation of all things.

G. S. ANDERSON, Chairman.

After the reading of the report, the hour for preaching the Missionary Sermon having arrived, the discussion of the subject was deferred until after dinner.

Rev. C. J. Burden preached to a large congregation from the text found in Eph. ii. 19: "Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the Saints, and of the household of God."

The Christian who is afraid to loan the Lord a little money, for fear he will lose it, don't get his Bible wide enough open to read it. God is not broke, nor has His bank failed.

After the sermon, a collection was taken up for missions, amounting to $8.95.

On motion, adjourned for dinner.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1 p. m.—Business resumed, and the subject of missions was very generally discussed by Brethren Anderson, Gregory, Condon, Burden, Schram, Roby, Whatley and Brewer.

Committee on Deceased Ministers reported:

We are truly glad to report that during the year, through the grace of God, there has been no death among the ranks of the ministers of this Association, but it becomes our sad duty to announce the death of the last member of the delegation who was present at the organization of the Tuskegee Association fifty years ago.

DR. DANIEL W. FLOYD,

Of the Salem Church, quietly passed away in the town of Salem, surrounded by his family and friends,
July 21st, 1895,
At the extreme old age of nearly eighty-seven years.
Dr. Floyd was a truly faithful and useful laborer in the interests of his Church and Association to the last hour of his life.
He died with his battle harness on.
Respectfully submitted, C. W. Buck.

The election of the Executive Committee resulted in selecting the same Committee as for last year—W. E. Hudmon, G. A. Hornady, J. C. Condon, J. M. Love, F. E. Hanie and Jno. J. Cloud.

On motion, adjourned to 7 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. Stodghill.

Wednesday, Evening 7 o'clock.—After preaching by Rev. Geo. E Brewer, from Luke ix. 33, the Association resumed business by the reading of the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education progresses as never before in the history of man. Along all lines of science, of thought and revelation, knowledge increases—its scope widens, its methods multiply and its spirit intensifies.

Private, State and religious institutions vie with each other in effort.

"The liberal soul shall be made fat," said the wise man, but the saying has not impressed itself upon the masses. The souls of some church members are exceedingly lean. How is it with you?

Surely we are upon the threshhold of the world's broadest thought.

Our educational efforts present two phases—that of the secular and religious, or State and denominational. We wish to note three special facts involved in the secular phase.

(1). The interest of common schools demands our earnest consideration and support. They supply those influences in which society is crystalized, and which conserve all the vital powers of our civilization, reaching and touching our whole people, and being the sole means of training for the majority of our young, the common schools should receive the hearty support of every citizen. It is a sad fact that 57 per cent. of our population cannot read, and that only $500,000 are expended annually for this cause. We pay a net profit to fire insurance of $746,000—55 per cent. more than the sum total appropriated to education.

(2). The next fact is that of sectarian influence in our schools. One of the prominent colleges of the State being located within our bounds, attention is specially directed to this fact in connection with this institution. In the A. & M. College, located in Auburn, we have the following approximated sectarian exhibit:

The Methodists have 8 teachers, and draw $12,000 in salaries.

The Episcopalians have 5 teachers, and draw $8,000 in salaries.

The Presbyterians have 5 teachers, and draw $6,000 in salaries.

The Baptists have 2 teachers, and draw $4,000 in salaries.

These four denominations approximate the following numbers in the State: The Baptists, 108,000; Methodists, 88,000; Presbyterians, 21,000; and Episcopalians, 7,000. While the Baptists have the largest membership in the State, they supply the smal est number of teachers and draw less money than the smallest. These facts savor of sectarianism as being developed in this college.

Your committee would make but one suggestion concerning the matter, *i. e.*, that the responsibility for Baptist weakness in this college be located, whether it be in the denomination at large, the immediate representatives in the college, or this Association, in whose bounds it is located.

(3). The third fact is the appropriation of public funds to sectarian institutions. Several million dollars of public money has been appropriated to Catholic institutions in the city of New York alone within the last few years. Over $3,000,000 have been appropriated to Catholic schools among the Indians alone during the last five years.

Coming nearer home, we learn that public funds are being appropriated to sectarian schools in our own State; yea, within the bounds of this Association.

The appropriation of public money to sectarian institutions is the first and insidious step toward the unholy alliance of Church and State.

Deliverance from the curse which this alliance brings, has been pur-

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The worst fooled soul in the world is the one who thinks he is deceiving God and his fellows by wearing a hypocritical mask and thinks no one sees his feet. Your face must accord with your walk.

chased by martyr blood, and whatever may savor of its restoration should be resisted with unyielding devotion. Our liberties cannot be too zealously guarded.

The second phase is "Denominational Education." While the State furnishes the volume, the sects supply the strength and genius of our training. It is the sheet-anchor of our civilization, and should not, therefore, be displaced.

As a denomination, we foster in the State two schools, the Howard and the Judson. The Howard has completed the fifty-third year of its history, and at this date has more than 150 pupils, The Board of Trustees are pleased with the success attending their efforts; the Faculty are efficient and enthusiastic in their work; the students are orderly and earnest. The Bible is used as a text book, and all the students not already converted, except one, were converted last year.

The Judson has opened with sixty-five boarders, and is encouraged with the prospects for the year. It maintains the high standard of refined culture that has made it famous throughout the land. These schools are earnestly commended to the public, and to Baptists specially, as being eminently worthy of their support and patronage.

Ministerial education demands special consideration. The Convention asks $3,000 with which to sustain twenty-two young preachers at the college and eight at the seminary. They are gifts of the Lord to the churches, and should be trained for their great work. The training for the field ministry, a work not heretofore attempted by the denomination, is a special demand of this age.

Of the 1,000 white Baptist preachers in Alabama, less than 150 have received the training of the schools. More than 850 are therefore left without an effort on the part of the denomination to supply them with helpful training. This field of effort is now commending itself to the brethren. Respectfully submitted, G. S. Anderson, Chairman.

After some discussion by Brethren Anderson, Schram and Cloud, Dr. Roby presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Baptist family to enquire as to the why of such discrimination against the largest religious denomination in the State, in the selecting of the teachers and officers of our State schools and universities; and that Brethren G. S. Anderson and Jno. J. Cloud be appointed a committee to obtain the said information and report to this Association at its next session.

Resolution 2nd—

Resolved, 1st, That we, as the Tuskegee Association, commend to the ministry, the system, with the method of its instruction, taught by Rev. G. S. Anderson.

God has told you of His love, through Christ, that you may tell it to some one else. If you seek, you shall surely find. Have you ever brought one? No one ever got lost while seeking souls for Christ.

Resolved, 2nd, That we commend the special work to our denominational boards for adoption, as a denominational enterprise.

Resolved, 3rd, That we commend this work as one of the objects for which our churches will take collections. Z. D. ROBY.

TO PREACH NEXT SESSION.

The Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. G. Gregory.

The Missionary Sermon—Rev. G. S. Anderson.

Appointed Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. G. A. Hornady, Rev. C. W. Buck, alternate.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS.

Fifth Sabbath in March, to be held with Pleasant Hill Church.

Fifth Sabbath in May, to be held with Salem Church (Lee Co).

Fifth Sabbath in August, to be held with Elam Church (Tallapoosa Co).

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

By Dr. Buck—

Resolved, That we, in full appreciation of the more than hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors to the Association by the Pleasant Grove Church, and the citizens in general, extend to them our thanks as a body.

The vote was taken standing.

The Treasurer, Bro. Ed. Brewer, made his report, which was adopted, as follows:

To the Tuskegee Baptist Association:

Your Treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

To amt. rec'd during last session of the Association									$270	30
"	"	Since, from Pleasant Grove Church, Ass'n Work							2	46
"	"	"	"	Union Grove	"	"	"	...		50
"	"	"	"	Loachapoka	"	"	"	...	2	50
"	"	"	"	Salem S. S. and	"	"	"	...	14	20
"	"	"	"	Cubahatchee	"	"	"	...	6	95
"	"	"	"	Opelika	"	"	"	...	40	00
"	"	"	"	Concord	"	"	"	...	7	00
"	"	"	"	Union Grove	"	Anderson's Course		....	2	34
Total									$346	25

By amt. paid F. T. Hudson	$141	61	
" " J. R. Stodghill	87	53	
" " G. S. Anderson	38	06	
" " Hugh Wallace	36	71	
" " W. B. Crumpton	38	60—	342 51
Balance on hand			$ 3 74

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay over the Minute Funds to the Clerk, and the brother Clerk be requested to have printed and distribute a sufficient number of the minutes to the churches, pro rata, with the funds sent up.

The regular business of the Association being finished, it was moved to adjourn.

The Moderator said: Brethren—Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, I do not wish us to close our meeting without a few more words. The business part of the Association is finished, and we must now return to our respective fields. . Our meeting has been very pleasant. The separating is always sad. The record of the past is made. We are not satisfied with it, but we can now return to our home work with renewed purpose to do more and better there than in the past; and if God wills for us to assemble again one year hence, we hope to meet you with a better record. But if we fall (and some of us may) let us each fall at his post, and hope to meet at the great Associational Meeting above. And may the great Moderator there say to each, "Thou hast well done."

During the singing of an appropriate hymn by the congregation, the officers, delegates and friends gave the parting hand, and after a prayer of benediction and gratitude by Dr. Roby, the Association was declared adjourned to reassemble with the Union Grove Church, on Tuesday, October 13, 1896.

G. A. HORNADY, *Moderator.*

C. W. Buck, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF CASH RECEIVED DURING THE SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 15 AND 16, 1895.

	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Association Missions	Ministerial Education	Orphans' Home	Minutes	TOTAL
Auburn	$.....	$.....	$....	$ 10 00	$.....	$.....	$ 2 00	$ 12 00
Concord (Macon)	.....	.....	.....	6 25	.....	.....	1 00	7 25
Concord (Lee)	2 07	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	75	2 82
County Line	.....	.....	.....	1 70	50	.....	1 55	3 75
Cubahatchee	.....	.....	.....	47 06	.....	.....	1 50	48 56
Cubahatchee S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 95	.....	5 95
Elam (Tallapoosa)	6 35	6 35	.....	13 10	.....	.....	2 00	34 15
Liberty	2 50	5 71	.....	2 50	.....	.....	1 50	12 21
LaPlace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	1 00	6 00
Loachapoka	.....	6 07	.....	.....	4 00	.....	1 50	11 57
Notasulga	.....	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 35	10 10	3 00	21 10
Opelika	.....	.....	.....	30 00	17 50	.....	4 00	51 50
Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	.....	3 20	.....	.....	2 00	5 20
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	1 00	2 50
Rocky Mount	5 50	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	9 25
Salem (Lee)	.....	.....	.....	3 57	.....	.....	2 00	5 57
Salem (Tallapoosa)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	1 60
Shiloh	.....	.....	2 70	.....	.....	.....	1 50	4 20
Society Hill	5 00	5 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	1 25	13 75
Tuskegee	5 00	5 00	.....	40 00	12 12	.....	3 00	65 12
Union Grove	.....	4 45	.....	4 50	.....	.....	1 50	10 45
Collection	.....	.....	.....	8 95	.....	.....	.....	8 95
	$26 42	$38 33	$5 70	$176 83	$36 47	$21 05	$34 65	$339 45

Respectfully submitted, ED. BREWER, Treasurer.

STATISTICS OF TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES	Ordained Ministers	Increase			Decrease			Present Membership	Day of Meeting	Prayer Meeting	S. SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS	Officers	Average No. of Pupils	No. Baptized from S. S.
						Baptisms	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death							
1. Auburn	Lee	Jno. J. Cloud	W. B. Frazer	Auburn	...	9	10	...	9	...	3	110	1,3&4	Reg	W. B. Frazer	10	75	9
2. Concord	Macon	J. H. Wallace	R. W. Dixon	Motts	...	...	...	2	8	2	...	29	2	.....	J. D. Green	4	28	...
3. Concord	Macon	S. R. Grimes	J. W. Gunn	Tuskegee	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	43	4	.....		...	.....	...
4. County Line	Lee	C W. Buck	W. R. Adams	Salem	...	...	...	1	5	...	2	29	3	.....		...	.....	...
5. Cubahatchee	Macon	J. J. Cloud	J. R. Simmons	Shorters	1	10	1	...	...	...	1	82	2	.....	J. C. Pinkston	7	50	9
6. Elam	Tallapoosa	W. G. Gregory	G. B. Stearns	Tallassee	1	3	...	1	4	4	...	72	4	.....		...	.....	...
7. LaPlace	Macon	G. S. Anderson	E. M. Swearengen	Calehee	...	2	2	...	3	...	2	25	1	.....	S. C. Cloud	6	14	...
8. Liberty	Lee	J. R. Stodghill	R. B. Wright	Opelika	...	5	10	2	...	1	...	65	1	.....	E. A. Christian	...	.....	...
9. Loachapoka	Lee	G. S. Anderson	J. L. Wise	Loachapoka	2	...	...	...	2	1	1	49	3	.....	T. J. Carlisle	7	20	...
10. Notasulga	Macon	G. E. Brewer	A. M. Cameron	Notasulga	...	5	13	...	2	...	...	76	1	.....	F. M. Bryant	6	30	2
11. Opelika	Lee	Z. D. Roby	R. L. Fancet	Opelika	2	4	19	1	12	...	4	195	Reg.	Reg	Ed. Rrewer	16	90	...
12. Pleasant Grove	Lee	F. T. Hudson	D. W. Eckles	Salem	...	...	2	...	5	2	2	53	2	.....	G. W. Meadors	10	35	...
13. Pleasant Hill	Macon	F. T. Hudson	A. J. Jackson	Tuskegee	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	20	1	.....		...	.....	...
14. Rocky Mount	Lee	E. S. Moncrief	J. E. Henderson	Beulah	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	66	1	.....		...	.....	...
15. Salem	Lee	W. R. Whatley	T. E. Stringer	Salem	1	...	...	1	3	...	2	61	4	Reg	J. M. Love	7	35	...
16. Salem	Macon	W. G Gregory	D. E. Burks	Notasulga	...	20	2	...	10	1	...	101	3	.....	R. B Bryant	8	25	...
17. Shiloh	Russell	F. T. Hudson	J. M. Jackson	Uhland	...	...	...	1	10	1	1	47	4	.....		...	.....	...
18. Society Hill	Macon	S. R Grimes	A. H. Rutherford	Tuskegee	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	15	3	.....		...	.....	...
19. Tuskegee	Macon	G. A. Hornady	G. C. Wright	Tuskegee	2	...	...	2	3	2	1	94	Reg.	Reg	M. L Swanson	8	42	...
20. Union Grove	Lee	J. R. Stodghill	A. M. Blalock	Chewacla	...	1	2	2	2	2	...	75	3	.....	A. M. Blalock	6	25	...
						66	64	14	80	17	20	1307				85	469	20

Elam (Lee county) and Providence not represented.

FINANCIAL TABLE OF TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	Minutes	MISSIONS							Pastor's Salary	Church Buildings and Repairs	Value of Church Buildings and Property
		Home	Foreign	State	Association	Bible and Colportage	Orphans' Home	Ministerial Education			
1. Auburn	$ 2 00	$37 60	$ 19 95	$35 35	$.....	$ 9 90	$ 17 59	$.....	$ 500 00	$ 25 00	$ 3,500 00
2. Concord, Lee County	75	2 06	.....	1 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	300 00
3. Concord, Macon County	1 00	.....	.....	.....	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00
4. County Line	1 55	.....	1 13	.....	1 10	.....	80	50	50 00	.....	500 00
5. Cubahatchee	1 50	.....	5 00	.....	54 00	6 95	20 00	.....	.....	65 00	800 00
6. Elam, Tallapoosa County	2 00	7 35	10 85	.....	13 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00
7. LaPlace	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 96	.....	.....	3 60	.....	90 00	800 00
8. Liberty	1 50	2 50	5 71	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	650 00
9. Loachapoka	1 50	.....	3 67	.....	2 50	.....	7 20	.....	.....	.....	1,000 00
10. Notasulga	3 00	.....	8 13	7 25	2 00	1 32	16 52	4 58	100 00	4 00	800 00
11. Opelika	4 00	1 50	50 00	.....	78 50	.....	40 00	30 00	1000 00	114 49	13,600 00
12. Pleasant Grove	2 00	.....	.....	1 10	5 66	1 05	1 75	.....	.....	60 00	600 00
13. Pleasant Hill	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 50	75	75	.....	.....	.....	300 00
14. Rocky Mount	1 00	5 50	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	200 00
15. Salem, Lee County	2 00	1 00	11 70	.....	17 77	.....	.....	.....	125 00	606 20	1,000 00
16. Salem, Macon County	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 10	.....	.....	.....	350 00
17. Shiloh	1 50	.....	.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	12 50	.....	.....	450 00
18. Society Hill	1 25	5 00	5 00	.....	2 50	.....	5 20	.....	.....	.....	500 00
19. Tuskegee	3 00	15 00	21 00	5 00	40 00	.....	20 00	12 12	800 00	.....	20,000 00
20. Union Grove	1 55	.....	4 45	.....	5 03	.....	.....	2 34	100 00	.....	500 00
	$35 65	$77 41	$ 153 84	$52 95	$ 244 37	$19 97	$ 138 91	$65 64	.....	.....	.....

Elam (Lee county) and Providence, were not represented. Cubahatchee Sunday School, $6.05 for Children's Day.

Constitution.

Article 1. This body shall be called the Tuskegee Baptist Association, composed of messengers chosen from the different churches constituting it, holding annual sessions at such time and places as it may select.

Art. 2. Believing that churches are independent religious bodies, owing allegiance only to Christ, this Association claims no right to interfere authoritatively with their internal concerns.

Art. 3. The Association shall elect from its membership, at each annual session, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and an Executive Committee, composed of five brethren, who shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4 The Moderator shall preside over the body, appoint all committees, unless otherwise instructed, and decide all points of order by the rules in Mell's Parliamentary Practice, subject to an appeal to the body.

Art 5. The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings, direct the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and perform such other duties as belong to his office.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall take charge of the money and general property of the Association; report in writing at each annual session, the condition of the finances, exhibiting vouchers for all sums paid out; he shall also provide himself with blank receipts, to be filled and handed to the delegates from the several churches respectively, who may bring up funds, and at the expiration of his term, deliver to his successor the property of the Association in hand.

Art. 7. The Advisory Committee may fill vacancies occurring in its membership, and shall, under the direction of the Association, manage its business during its adjournment.

Art. 8. At each session, committees of three shall be appointed to report, in writing, the following subjects: Preaching, Documents, Sunday-schools, Missions, Deceased Ministers, Education and Temperance.

Art. 9. Churches wishing to become members of this body, must petition by letter or messengers, and if found to be scriptural in doctrine and practice, be received to fellowship by vote of the Association, and welcomed by the Moderator.

Art. 10. Churches wishing to change their membership, may petition by letter or messenger, and, if in fellowship with the body, be dismissed in due form. Any infringement of the laws of this Association, or departure from the faith and practice of the Scriptures by a church, will be a cause of complaint against such church, and will subject it to the discipline of the body.

Art. 11. Messengers, before being enrolled as members, must present evidence of their appointment, giving also the number of the membership of their church, the number received during the past year by baptism, letter and restoration, the number dismissed, expelled and dead, with an account of all the money given to the support of the gospel and general benevolence, the condition of the Sunday school, with statistics, prayer-meetings and other good works engaged in by their churches.

Art. 12. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers; when the membership is fifty, to three, and one for every additional twenty-five, or fractional part thereof.

Art. 13. Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 14. The Minutes of the Association must be read, approved and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before final adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and every divine perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election; that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believe, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified, by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that immersion only is baptism.

10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.